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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants submit for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to the USPTO notice dated July 11, 2003, waiving the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) to provide copies of U.S. Patents and U.S. Published Applications, copies of those references numbered 2 - 4, 6, 8-12, 25, 31, 41, 42, 49, 52, 53, 56, 60, 63, 64, 68, 79, and 82 are not submitted. Copies of foreign documents numbered 83, 85, 89, 90, and 92 - 96 are submitted

herewith. However, copies of the remaining documents cited in the attached Form PTO-1449 were previously submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement and/or Office Action, directed to the related application Serial Number 10/188,547, filed July 2, 2002, and, accordingly, copies are not included herewith. This protocol conforms with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and M.P.E.P. 609(A)(2). The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record in the application.

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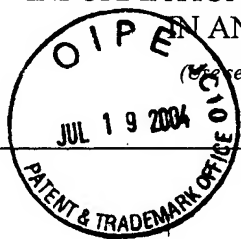
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